

Frank Laporte Expected to Displace Ray Morgan, Whose Hitting Is Light

LAPORTE TO PLAY AT SECOND BASE IN MORGAN'S STEAD

Ex-Baltimore Player Has Fallen Off in Batting Average.

GANDIL'S INJURY IS ONLY TEMPORARY

John Henry Aggravates Crippled Knee Climbing Into Upper Berth.

By "SENATOR."

CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—The acquisition of Frank Laporte, the Browns' second baseman, is a sign of the approaching benching of Ray Morgan, whose hitting has fallen off so much that it is practically nothing now. Laporte is a good batsman, one of the best on the St. Louis club, and he will be put into the line-up at once. On the first Western trip Morgan hit around .400, but he has failed miserably ever since, and now is one of the weakest hitters on the team.

"I have obtained Laporte," announced Manager Griffith, "to bolster up our hitting. When you are in a pennant race you must have men for every position. Laporte, besides being a hard hitter, can play anywhere in the infield or on the line. I figure that he will be a good investment in our struggle to the top of the list."

Laporte will join the Nationals tomorrow morning in St. Louis. The team leaves tonight on the Chicago and Alton, arriving in the morning at 7:30. Laporte will probably play second base tomorrow against Stovall's crew.

Gandil's injured back was reported much better today, and it is possible that he may play today or tomorrow. Trainer Martin has been busy with the big first baseman every day since coming here.

Rain fell last night, and this morning a light sprinkle kept straw hats unfashionable. It is probable that the game scheduled for today may be postponed, though the White Sox headquarters on the south side denied that this was the case. However, the Nationals may have to play today's battle on their final visit of the season to the Windy City.

Leaving his home in Amherst, Mass., in perfect condition, able to run and jump with all his well-known skill, and confident that he would be playing as soon as he joined the Climbers, John Henry, the Nationals' star backstop, arrived here crippled from an accident received in climbing into an upper berth. It is doubtful if he will be able to play for at least a week, and it is possible that he will be out of the team.

Henry's case in charge.

"I could not get a lower berth," says Henry, "and was lucky to get an upper. In going up to it I must have wrenched my knee, though I was unaware of it when it happened. I was sitting in the morning I found my knee stiff and sore and I could hardly walk on it when I left the station here."

"I call this pretty tough luck. At home I had my knee massaged every day, and when I wired Griffith I was ready. I had been running and hitting and catching in practice for a week, and was in shape to go into the game at once. Then to have this happen to me is pretty tough luck."

Henry is wearing a bandage made especially for his injured knee. He will work out quietly until he feels himself able to enter the game again.

BIG LEAGUE GAMES.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

At Detroit. R.H.E. Yankees.....0 0 0 1 0 1 0 0-2 5 3
Detroit.....0 0 0 1 0 1 1 3 x-5 8 2
Batteries—Caldwell and Sweeney; Willett and Stange.

At St. Louis. R.H.E. Philadelphia.....1 0 0 0 0 0 0 4-5 7 1
St. Louis.....0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0-1 5 3
Batteries—Caldwell and Sweeney; Willett and Stange.

At Cleveland. R.H.E. Boston.....0 0 0 2 0 1 0 0 0 2-5 11 2
Cleveland.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-1 1 2
Batteries—Wood, and Cady; Nunnaker, Blanning and O'Neill.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

At New York. R.H.E. Pittsburgh.....0 3 0 1 0 0 0 1-2 7 2
New York.....0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0-2 10 3
Batteries—Carmichael and Gibson; Tetreau, Randall, Meyers and A. Wilson. Umpires—Owens and Brennan.

At Brooklyn. R.H.E. St. Louis.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-1 2 0
Brooklyn.....0 0 4 2 0 0 0 1 x-7 5 0
Batteries—Harmon, Geyer and Wingo; Ragon, Yngling and Miller. Umpires—Eugene and Fineran.

At Philadelphia. R.H.E. Chicago.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1-1 7 1
Philadelphia.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1-1 7 1
Batteries—Richie and Archer; Seaton and Killifer. Umpires—Johnstone and Eason.

At Boston. R.H.E. Cincinnati.....3 0 1 0 0 1 0 0-1 13 0
Boston.....0 1 0 2 0 0 0 0-3 5 2
Batteries—Suggs and McLean; Brown, Dickson and Radford. Umpires—Orin and Klem.

Among the Minors.

American Association.

Toledo, 6; Kansas City, 5.
Indianapolis, 5; Milwaukee, 6.
Louisville, 5; Minneapolis, 5.
Columbus, 10; St. Paul, 9 (12 innings).

International League.

Rochester, 5; Baltimore, 2.
Toronto, 2; Jersey City, 4.
Montreal, 5; Providence, 10.
Buffalo, 5; Newark, 7 (first game).
Buffalo, 6; Newark, 2 (second game).

New England League.

Brooklyn, 5; Haverhill, 2.
Lynn, 6; Fall River, 1.
Worcester, 1; Lowell, 4.
Lawrence, 5; New Bedford, 6.

Tri-State League.

Harrisburg, 5; Allentown, 4.
Atlantic City, 3; York, 1 (first game).
York, 5; Atlantic City, 1 (second game).
Trenton, 3; Reading, 6.
Wilmington, 25; Chester, 4.

Virginia League.

Rossmore, 4; Petersburg, 4.
Norfolk, 6; Richmond, 4.
Newport News, 1; Portsmouth, 0.

South Atlantic League.

Jacksonville-Columbia, rain.
Macon, 3; Albany, 5.
Columbus, 10; Savannah, 1.

Southern League.

Atlanta, 5; Montgomery, 2.
Memphis, 2; Mobile, 5.
Chattanooga, 2; Birmingham, 5.
Nashville, 5; New Orleans, 6.

Pesky Jinx Was Hangin' Round, We Lost the Game on An Unlucky Bound

